

PSYCHOLOGY

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (AA) DEGREE

PSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION

For students considering a major in PSYCHOLOGY upon transferring to a four-year institution, the Associate of Arts degree with a PSYCHOLOGY concentration from ACC offers a strong foundation, providing essential courses that serve as building blocks for advanced study.

A concentration in PSYCHOLOGY can lead to diverse career opportunities, including teaching, research, clinical practice, and interdisciplinary fields that integrate psychology with business, criminal justice, healthcare, education, technology, public policy, human resources, organizational consulting, and mental health services.

Program Objectives

Upon graduating from ACC with an Associate of Arts degree with a concentration in PSYCHOLOGY, students will:

1. **Gain** a broad understanding of psychological principles and theories within a global and cultural context.
2. **Develop** a comprehensive understanding of the key concepts, historical foundations, influential figures, and major perspectives in psychology, along with their lasting impacts on individual behavior, social interactions, and professional applications.
3. **Strengthen** critical thinking, research, ethical reasoning, and communication skills essential for analyzing human behavior and psychological phenomena in diverse personal, academic, and professional settings.

It is strongly recommended that students consult with an ACC Academic Advisor in PSYCHOLOGY to ensure they meet specific program requirements, objectives, and transfer goals.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (PR)

PSY 101 **GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)**

AND AT LEAST THREE (3) CLASSES FROM THE FOLLOWING:

PSY 226 **DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)**
PSY 230 **HUMAN SEXUALITY (3/3)**
PSY 241 **SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)**
PSY 242 **ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)**

GENERAL EDUCATION

DEGREE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

GROUP 1 (G1) – ENGLISH COMPOSITION

Six (6) semester credits are required, including ENG 111 or 121 and 112, 122 or 123

GROUP 2 (G2) – SCIENCES/MATHEMATICS

Eight (8) semester credits are required, including at least one laboratory science course. Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix). Note: Two (2) courses in Natural Sciences, including one with laboratory experience (from two disciplines), in addition to MTH 118 or MTH 121 or higher, are required to achieve the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

GROUP 3 (G3) – SOCIAL SCIENCES

Eight (8) semester credits are required, including the Political Science or U.S. History courses used to satisfy the American Government requirement. Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix).

GROUP 4 (G4) – HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS

Eight (8) semester credits are required, and they must include either: a.) A combination of courses taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix) or b.) HUM 241 and 242 — Humanities I and II. Note: Two (2) courses in Humanities and Fine Arts (from two disciplines and excluding studio and performance classes) are required for the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

ELECTIVE CREDITS (EC)

The remainder of credits for an AA degree with this concentration should be oriented toward additional courses in PSYCHOLOGY such as **PSY 101, PSY 226, PSY 230, PSY 241, and PSY 242** when available, or selected from **ANP, ART, ECN, EDU, ENG, GEO, HST, HUM, MUS, PFA, PHL, PLS, PSY, SOC, SPE**, and/or foreign language courses in consultation with an ACC Academic Advisor in PSYCHOLOGY. It is strongly recommended that foreign language preparation begin as soon as possible, if pursued.

RECOMMENDED COURSES - SEQUENCE

GROUP 1-4 REQUIREMENTS + ELECTIVE CREDITS

Meets ACC degree distribution and MTA requirements
60 CREDITS - 62 CONTACT HOURS

YEAR 1 – FALL	16 CREDITS
G1	ENG 111 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (3/3)
G2	MTH 223 STATISTICAL METHODS (4/4)
G3 PR	PSY 101 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)
G4	SPE 121 SPEECH COMMUNICATION (3/3) or SPE 123 PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (3/3)
EC	SS/HUM SOC SCI-HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS (3/3)

YEAR 1 – SPRING	16 CREDITS
G1	ENG 112 ENGLISH COMPOSITION II (3/3)
G2	BIO 114 INTRO TO BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE (4/5)
G3 PR	PSY 230 HUMAN SEXUALITY (3/3)
G3	SOC 123 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (3/3)
EC	ELECTIVE GENERAL ELECTIVE (3/3)

YEAR 2 – FALL	15 CREDITS
G3	PLS 221 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS (3/3)
G3 PR	PSY 226 DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)
G3 PR	PSY 242 ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)
G4	HST 121 EARLY WESTERN WORLD (3/3)
EC	SS/HUM SOC SCI-HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS (3/3)

YEAR 2 - SPRING	13 CREDITS
G2	GEO 127 PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY (4/5)
G3 PR	PSY 241 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)
G4	HST 122 HISTORY OF MODERN WORLD (3/3)
EC	ELECTIVE GENERAL ELECTIVE (3/3)